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Influenza Vaccine Availability

244,000 doses (approximately 83%) of Indiana's total 2008-2009 influenza vaccine inventory are at the McKesson vaccine distribution center.

More than 110,000 doses have been shipped to providers as of October 9, 2008. Vaccine orders received by the ISDH Immunization Program will continue be filled based upon the date of receipt.

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2008-2009 Influenza Vaccine Update

As you receive your influenza vaccine orders please make sure that you are following the storage and administration requirements for both the Trivalent Inactivated Influenza (TIV) Vaccine and the Live Attenuated Influenza (LAIV) Vaccine. Also, remember to always rotate stock so that the earliest dated vaccines are used first.

Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (TIV)

Condition Upon Arrival — This vaccine should not be frozen or exposed to freezing temperatures. Always check the temperature monitors shipped along with the vaccine.

Storage Requirements — Refrigerate immediately upon arrival. Store at 35°- 46°F (2°- 8°C).

Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures. Protect Fluarix® and FluLaval™ from light at all times by storing in original package.

Shelf Life after Opening —

Single Dose Vials: This vaccine should be administered shortly after withdrawal from the vial.

Multidose Vials: Withdraw single dose of vaccine into a separate sterile needle and syringe for each immunization. The vaccine should be used shortly after withdrawal from the vial. Unused portions of multidose vials may be refrigerated at 35°- 46°F (2°- 8°C) and used until expired, if not contaminated or unless otherwise stated in the manufacturer's product information.

Manufacturer-Filled Syringes: Vaccine should be administered shortly after the needle is attached to the syringe.

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)

Condition Upon Arrival — This vaccine should not be frozen or exposed to freezing temperatures. Always check the temperature monitors shipped along with the vaccine.

Storage Requirements — Refrigerate immediately upon arrival. Store at 35°- 46°F (2°- 8°C).

Do not freeze or expose to freezing temperatures. If LAIV is inadvertently frozen, the vaccine should be moved immediately to the refrigerator and may be used until the expiration date printed on the package.

Shelf Life after Opening —

Single Dose Sprayer: The vaccine should be administered shortly after removal from the refrigerator.

Note: All vaccines, empty vials, syringes and used needles should be disposed of using appropriate medical waste disposal procedures.